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yes.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Okay, thank you.

SENATOR CROSBY: Thank you, Senator Cudaback. Senator Hartnett, your light again is.... Any further discussion on the committee amendments? Seeing none, Senator Hartnett, you may close on the committee amendments. He waives closing. The question is the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 774. All in favor vote aye, opposed no. Record, please.

CLERK: 30 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

SENATOR CROSBY: The committee amendments are adopted. Any discussion on LB 774, on the bill itself? Senator Beutler.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Hartnett, let me just ask you quickly, with regard to the fund that's being set up,...

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Hartnett.

SENATOR BEUTLER: ...the amendment seems to say that the department, from the fund, shall reimburse applying cities for the fees paid by them for the use of the cost-benefit analysis, and then has some additional language. Is it...is it...is it the intent that they would be reimbursed to the extent that monies have been appropriated for that fund, or is it your intent that sooner or later each and every city who applies shall be reimbursed?

SENATOR HARTNETT: Senator Beutler, if they use the model that has been prepared and approved by our Exec Committee, we call it the 1373 model, then they are reimbursed. If they use another model that they have that meets the standards of...that's been set up in 1373, then they are not reimbursed. And we figure the cost, you know there's a top on the cost, on the amount of money.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay, so it's your intent that they would have a right to reimbursement, so long as they use the model...the one model that you've designated.